

State of California
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

May 21, 2008, 10:00 a.m.
City Council Chambers
City of Indio
150 Civic Center Mall
Indio, CA 92201

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Chair Ellen Way at 10:06 a.m. on May 21, 2008 in the City Council Chambers, City of Indio, California.

Roll Call (Board Members Only)

Board Member Present:

Thomas Davis, Jeff Hays, Maurice "Red" Martinez, Edward Muzik, Richard "Rick" Post, Ellen Way. Jon Edney was not present. The Board Secretary stated that a quorum was present.

Staff Present:

Adnan Al-Sarabi, Jose Angel, Terry Barnes, Mary Castaneda, John Carmona, Jose Cortez, Kai Dunn, Jeff Geraci, Abid Khalaf, Jeong-Hee Lim, Jay Mirpour, Robert Perdue, Cliff Raley, Jon Rokke, Maribel Rodriguez, Joan Stormo, Hilda Vasquez, Doug Wylie, and Nadim Zeywar.

Others Present:

Sarann Graham, Hi-Desert Water District
Jason Uhley, Riverside County Flood Control
Mike Shetler, Riverside County Executive Office
Dusty Williams, Riverside County Executive Office
Marcus Fuller, City of Palm Springs
Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District
John Kemmerer, US EPA
Ellen Lloyd Trover, Farm Bureau
Brett Daniels, City of Coachella
Robert Edwards, City of Indio
Oscar Rodas, City of Cathedral City
Rober Collacolt, VRS Corp.

Minutes

1. Minutes of March 19, 2008 Board Meeting

MOTION: Red Martinez moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

Public Forum

2. There were no public comments.

UNCONTESTED WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

3. JR R7-2008-0017 Waste Discharge Requirements for Blu-In RV Park, Owner/Operator, JP & Associates LP, Land Owner Blu-In Wastewater Treatment, and Disposal Systems, Un-incorporated Imperial County
4. JR R7-2008-0032 Waste Discharge Requirements for ORNI 17, LLC Owner, Ormat Nevada Inc., Operator Surface Landowners: Rutherford Trust, Hannon Ranches, John Veysey, Donbee Farms, Del Rio Country Club Brawley 2 Geothermal Exploration Project Wellfield Mud Sumps/Containment Basins, North Brawley Known Geothermal Resource Area (KGRA) – Imperial County
5. JC R7-2008-0033 Waste Discharge Requirements for Marvin Free, Shop-Free, Inc., Owner JAJD, Inc., Operator Alamo Laundromat Wastewater Disposal Facility, Twentynine Palms – San Bernardino County
6. JC R7-2008-0034 Waste Discharge Requirements for Ernest Gommel, Owner/Operator Wash 'N Shop Coin Laundry Laundromat Wastewater Disposal Facility, Lucerne Valley – San Bernardino County
7. JC R7-2008-0035 Waste Discharge Requirements for Hard and Pamela Chow, Owner/Operator Yucca Valley Laundromat Wastewater Disposal Facility, Yucca Valley – San Bernardino County

MOTION: Jeff Hays moved, Tom Davis seconded. and motion carried unanimously that Board Orders No. R7-2008-0017, R7-2008-0032, R7-2008-0033, R7-2008-0034, and R7-2008-0035 be adopted.

PUBLIC HEARING

8. JM R7-2008-0001 Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) within the Whitewater River Watershed Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, Owner/Operator, County of Riverside, Owner/Operator and Incorporated Cities of Riverside County within the Whitewater River Basin, Owners/Operators, Riverside County

MOTION: Rick Post moved, Tom Davis seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Waste Discharge Requirements Order No. R7-2008-0001 be adopted including the Errata.

RESOLUTION

9. KD R7-2008-0041 Adoption of the FY 2008/2009 Emergency, Abandoned, Recalcitrant (Ear) Account Site List

MOTION: Rick Post moved, Jeff Hays seconded, and motion carried unanimously that Resolution Order No. R7-2008-0041 be adopted.

Other Business

10. Informational Update on CVSC Bacterial Indicators TMDL – SB

Steve Bigley gave a presentation to update the Board regarding the efforts of the agricultural community's Task Force that was formed to develop and implement a monitoring plan for monitoring potential bacteria contributions from farms to the Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel. The work is being conducted in connection with the CVSC Bacterial Indicators TMDL that was adopted by the Board on May 16, 2007. Robert Perdue thanked Steve for the bus tour given the Regional Board members of the farms subject to the TMDL and the Coachella Valley Water District infrastructure of canals and other systems the District owns and operates.

11. Informational Update on status of items identified in the Triennial Review Workplan - CR

Staff provided an update of the status of items identified in the 2007 Triennial Review. Existing projects were identified, and work plans were provided to complete high priority items identified in the 2007 Triennial Review. Work plans included Basin Plan amendments regarding:

- Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel (CVSC) - amendment to recognize that REC-I beneficial uses are temporarily not attainable during certain critical flows;
- CVSC - amendment to change bacterial water quality objectives from three parameters (E. coli, enterococci, and fecal coliform) to one parameter (E. coli) for REC I beneficial uses, and from two parameters (E. coli and enterococci) to one parameter (E. coli) for REC II beneficial uses; and
- Agricultural Discharges in Bard Valley and Coachella Valley - an amendment to require the implementation of management practices and water quality monitoring to ensure compliance with the State's Nonpoint Source Implementation and Enforcement Policy.

12. Informational Update on State Water Resources Control Board Activities – TV

Region 7 counsel, Tom Vandenberg, updated the Board members with the recent activities conducted by the State Water Resources Control Board. The activities discussed were:

- Adoption on 4/15/08 of Policy for Compliance Schedules in NPDES Permits.
- Update regarding Cities of Arcadia et al. and Building Industry Association v. SWRCB and Region 4 challenging Region 4's Triennial Review process and Basin Planning process. Tentative ruling on 3/13/08 held that Region 4 Basin Plan is invalid as applied to storm water discharges.
- Held workshop on 2/20/08 to consider revised draft Water Quality Enforcement Policy. Stakeholder meeting scheduled for May 2008.
- On 3/19/08, SWRCB released for public comment a revised draft Storm Water Construction Permit. Workshops scheduled in May, and public hearing scheduled for 6/4/08.
- Draft Caltrans Storm Water Permit sent to Regional Boards for internal comment on 11/2007. Will notice for public comment in May 2008.
- Scoping meeting and workshop scheduled for 6/18/08 to discuss proposed Statewide General Permit for Landscape Irrigation Uses of Recycled Water; new state law requires SWRCB to adopt permit by 7/31/09.
- Topock, NOP: five different scoping meetings scheduled for EIR being prepared by EDAW.

13. Colorado River Basin Water Board Executive Officer's Report – RP

Robert Perdue, Executive Officer, reported that he will be attending the Governor's Office of Homeland Security Annual Conference at the Desert Springs Marriot, May 28 – 30, 2008, in Palm Desert.

14. Colorado River Basin Water Board Member Comments

Rick Post gave a brief summary regarding the Water Education Foundation workshop in San Diego that he and Tom Davis attended. Tom Davis said it was beneficial for all the Regional Board and State Board Members to attend these type of meetings together. Ed Muzik introduced Director Sarann Graham Fran Gram of the Hi-Desert Water District and also recommended that everyone in the audience at the Regional Board meetings be given an opportunity to introduce themselves following the Pledge of Allegiance. Red Martinez talked about a two day tour of the Region that he took with the AEO, Jose Angel.

15. Colorado River Basin Water Board Chair's Report – EW

Ms. Way discussed her meetings with Regional Board staff at the office in Palm Desert.

Arrangements for Next Board Meeting

Date: June 25, 2008

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.